

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows.

The paragraph beginning at line 22 of page 2 has been amended as follows:

When a command for commencing the printing operation is given by a host computer or others, the pickup roller 11 begins to rotate in the direction indicated by an arrow in the drawing (in the clockwise direction) to feed the printing medium 13 one by one from the topmost of the stack in the paper-feed tray 12. Thereafter, the printing medium 13 is conveyed while being nipped between the feed roller 14 and the pinch roller 15 and reaches an image printing section on the platen 16. The printing operation is ~~carries~~ carried out by ejecting ink in accordance with image signals from the respective printing elements in the printing head while reciprocating a carriage (not shown) in the direction vertical to a paper surface of the drawing. The printing medium 13 on which the image has been printed is conveyed outside from the apparatus while being nipped by the delivery roller 18 and the nip roller 19 and placed on the paper-delivery tray 20.

The paragraph beginning at page 7, line 13 has been amended as follows:

In a fourth ~~forth~~ aspect of the present invention there is provided a printing agent container detachably mounted to the printing means constituting the above printing cartridge.

The paragraph beginning at page 7, line 16 has been amended as follows:

In a fifth aspect of the present invention there is provided a printing ~~A~~ ~~printing~~ apparatus for carrying out the printing operation by using printing means, comprising a first conveying roller for conveying a printing medium on a predetermined conveying path, holding means disposed on the conveying path downstream of the first conveying roller, for holding the printing means, a second conveying roller for conveying the printing medium disposed on the conveying path downstream of the holding means, and a printing material container held by the holding means or the recording means, and extending over the conveying path to a position further downstream of the second conveying roller and closer to the conveying path than the farthest point of the second conveying roller.

The paragraph beginning at page 13, line 7 has been amended as follows:

FIG. 3 is a detailed illustration of the entirety of the ink jet recording apparatus shown in FIG. 2. In the drawing, reference numeral 21 ~~61~~ denotes a pickup roller for feeding the recording medium P placed on the paper-feed tray 2 into the apparatus body. Reference numeral 22 ~~62~~ denotes a frictional separating pad for inhibiting the other recording media than that ~~being~~ in contact with the pickup roller 21 ~~61~~ from being fed into the apparatus body.

The paragraph beginning at page 13, line 16 has been amended as follows:

The recording medium P fed into the apparatus body by the pickup roller 21 ~~61~~ is changed its conveying path 47 to a reversal path 47a by a reversal roller 8. In this regard, reference numerals 8a and 8b denotes pinch rollers for pressing the recording medium onto the reversal roller 8; and 23 ~~63~~ denotes a guide plate for guiding the recording medium reversed by the reversal roller 8.

The paragraph beginning at pag 13, line 24 has been amended as follows:

Reference numeral 24 ~~64~~ denotes a delivery guide plate for guiding the recording medium on which an image is recorded to a paper-delivery tray; 7g denotes a guide roller for guiding and holding the recording medium at a position opposite to the delivery guide plate ~~64~~ 24; and 7h denotes a pair of delivery rollers for discharging the recording medium to the paper-delivery tray 3.

The paragraph beginning at page 14, line 9 has been amended as follows:

Reference numeral 25 ~~65~~ denotes an openable cover constituting part of an outer case 8 the apparatus body. The openable cover 25 ~~65~~ is rotatable about a hinge 25a ~~65a~~ for carrying out the maintenance and/or replacement of the carriage 5, the recording head 4a and the ink tank 4b.

The paragraph beginning at page 29, line 16 has been amended as follows:

Further, while the description has been made concerning ~~on the~~ liquid ink as an example of printing agent consumed in the printing apparatus, the present invention should not be limited thereto. One of characteristics and effects of the present invention is in that a consumption article such as ink directly related to the running cost of the printing apparatus is stored in the printing apparatus in a manner for facilitating the capacity efficiency. Accordingly, the effect of the present invention is obtainable even if the consumption article is not the liquid ink but may be solid ink or an ink ribbon.